

What is claimed is:

1. A vehicle open roof apparatus which permits a roof covering
a top of a passenger compartment to be stored in a storage
5 compartment at a vehicle rear portion, the open roof apparatus
comprising:

at least one link mechanism swingably mounted to a vehicle
body of the vehicle to permit the roof to move between an extended
position in which the roof is extended over the top of the vehicle
10 and a stored position in which the roof is stored in the storage
compartment; and

at least one link lock mechanism for fastening a swinging
distal end portion of the link mechanism to a rear end portion
of the vehicle body when the roof is moved into the stored position.
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2. An open roof apparatus as set forth in claim 1, wherein the
link mechanism and the link lock mechanism are provided at either
side of the vehicle body.

20 3. An open roof apparatus as set forth in claim 1, wherein the
link lock mechanism comprises a striker provided at the swinging
distal end portion of the link mechanism and a latch mechanism
provided at the rear end portion of the vehicle body for locking
and unlocking the striker.

25 4. An open roof apparatus as set forth in claim 1, wherein the
link lock mechanism has an auxiliary lock mechanism, the auxiliary

lock mechanism comprising a vertically elongated lock pin provided at the rear end portion of the vehicle body or the swinging distal end portion of the link mechanism, and a lock hole provided in the swinging distal end portion of the link mechanism or the rear
5 end portion of the vehicle body, into which hole the lock pin is vertically fitted.